



Citizens Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Royal Oak Citizens Traffic Committee was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, in the city hall, 211 Williams Street, Royal Oak. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Godek at 7:01 p.m.

Chairperson Dan Godek recited the Traffic Committee preamble:

"The Traffic Committee consists of property owners of Royal Oak appointed by the City Commission. We are volunteers and are not paid or elected. What we decide tonight is merely a recommendation to the City Commission. If you do not agree with the findings or decisions of this committee, you may go before the City Commission and petition and/or discuss your issue with them. At this meeting you will be given an opportunity to speak during your item on the agenda. However, at the City Commission meeting, you must be recognized during "public comment" on their agenda, not when the Traffic Committee resolutions are being voted upon. Otherwise you will not be able to voice your concerns.

It is important to understand that professionals make preliminary recommendations to the Traffic Committee. They consist of civil and traffic engineers, outside consultants and public safety officials. You may have been informed that these professionals have denied your request or petition. This denial does not mean that this committee will vote that way; however, we are committed to discussing the issues at hand in a pragmatic and sensible manner. Our ultimate recommendation to the City Commission will be one that benefits our citizens and community as a whole."

**1. Roll Call:**

Present

Dan Godek, Chairperson  
Richard Karlowski  
Matthew McCuen  
Thomas Allen  
Amanda Morris-Smith  
Andrew Kowalkowski  
Mark Steiner, alternate

Also Present

Matthew J. Callahan P.E., City Engineer  
Holly Donoghue P.E., Engineering  
Sergeant Terry Oaks, Police

Absent

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**2. Approval of Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2018**

Motioned by Thomas Allen  
Seconded by Richard Karlowski

Adopted Unanimously

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**3. Public Comment**

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**4. Rescheduled Items/Old Business - None**

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**5. Business Items**

**5.A. Request to install “Stop” signs on Woodslee Drive at Eton Cross, or install “No Thru Traffic” signs on Woodslee at Woodward Avenue and 13 Mile Road**

A request was received from Thomas Dunne of 2923 Woodslee Drive to review cut-thru and speeding issues on Woodslee Drive between Woodward Avenue and 13 Mile Road. He states motorists speed down Woodslee Drive, using it to avoid the intersection of Woodward Ave, 13 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway. He recommended the installation of “Stop” signs on Woodslee Drive at Eton Cross, or as an alternative, install “No Thru Traffic” signs on Woodslee Drive at Woodward Avenue and 13 Mile Road.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue:

- Thomas Dunne of 2923 Woodslee spoke regarding the cut-thru traffic and also about the traffic issues with the Starbucks on Woodward Ave at Guilford Ave. He stated traffic backs up in the right travel lane on Woodward Ave and people cannot leave the side streets because motorists do not leave the intersection open.
- Additionally the traffic committee noted that northbound traffic intending to turn right onto Coolidge must use the second lane and make sharp maneuver to cut to the right to get past Starbucks to be in the proper lane to turn onto northbound Coolidge.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends denying the requests to install “Stop” signs on Woodslee Drive at Eton Cross and “No Thru Traffic” signs.**

Moved by: Matthew McCuen

Supported by: Thomas Allen

Motion adopted unanimously

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends engineering staff work with the police department to look at solutions for the Starbucks traffic backing up in Woodward Avenue and make a recommendation to MDOT.**

Moved by: Amanda Morris-Smith

Supported by: Matthew McCuen

Motion adopted unanimously

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**5.B. Request to install “Stop” signs at the intersections of Oliver Road and Glenview Road, and Oliver Road and Glenwood Road**

A request was received from Pam Steinmetz of 1800 Lloyd Avenue to install stop signs at the intersections of Oliver Road and Glenview Road, and Oliver Road and Glenwood Road. She states there is currently no signs at these intersections, and she has experienced several near-accidents due to this.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E.

Mr. Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue. No one came forward.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends approving request to install “Stop” signs on Glenview Road and Glenwood Road where they tee into Oliver Road.**

Moved by: Richard Karlowski

Supported by: Thomas Allen

Motion adopted unanimously

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**5.C. Evaluation of bump-out installations on Crane Avenue for site distance issues**

Per traffic committee resolution on November 27, 2018 – Staff was to evaluate bump-out options for the intersection of Crane Avenue and N Washington Avenue and review site distance issues.

A request was originally received by Joel Jonas of 325 Crane to review the site distance because of the difficulty of exiting Crane Avenue at N Washington due to site distance issues from on-street parking and speeding motorists.

The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Holly Donoghue, P.E.

Mr. Godek opened the floor to those interested in speaking on this issue:

- Sharlan Douglas of 813 N Washington thanked staff for their hard work and the committee for finding a positive solution for this issue that helps residents on Crane Ave as well as maintains parking for residents on N Washington Ave.
- Fred Kaiser of 927 N Washington also supported the committee’s solution and noted that he has been parking his larger vehicle further away from the intersection to also alleviate some of the sight distance issues.

**The Citizens Traffic Committee recommends the installation of bump-outs, with rain gardens, on the west side of N Washington Avenue at the intersection of Crane Avenue, eliminating one parking space to the north of the intersection achieving at least 225 feet of site distance, and installing a “Do Not Block intersection” sign on the west side of N Washington Avenue at Crane Avenue.**

Moved by: Richard Karlowski

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Supported by: Andrew Kowalkowski

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Motion adopted unanimously

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## 6. Information Only Items

### 6.A. Re-evaluate speeding and cut-thru issues on Woodside Road between Main Street and Rochester Road when school is in session

Per traffic committee resolution on July 24, 2018 - Woodside Road between Main Street and Rochester Road was to be re-evaluated for speeding and traffic volumes when school was in session. Traffic counts and speeds were remeasured in November 2018 and the results were very similar to measurements taken in summer months.

A request was originally received from Ann Bush of 232 Woodside to evaluate speeding and cut-thru issues on Woodside Road. The findings of the Staff Traffic Committee were presented by Matthew J. Callahan, P.E. Police traffic liaison, Sergeant Terry Oaks, confirmed the staff's findings from an enforcement perspective.

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## Adjourn

Upon the motion of Richard Karlowski, seconded by Mark Steiner, and adopted unanimously, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Cc: Traffic Committee Members, Inc. Ex-Officio Members:

Shelly Kamp, Chamber of Commerce  
Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Royal Oak School Superintendent  
Candi Drouillard, PTA Council President  
Corrigan O'Donoghue, Police Chief  
Lieutenant Chris Annetta  
Dave Cummins, Fire Chief  
Tim Thwing, Director of Community Development  
Greg Rassel, Director of Recreation and Public Services

5A. Thomas Dunne, 2923 Woodslee – tad33@wowway.com

5B. Pam Steinmetz, 1800 Lloyd, Royal Oak, MI 48073

5C. Joel Jonas, 325 Crane – jwjonas1@yahoo.com